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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing for Mr. Robert Boyer, House Foreign Affairs
Committee staff, Concerning Opium Traffic in Burma

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1. [] accompanied [] OER, to a meeting with Mr. Robert Boyer, House Foreign Affairs Committee staff. This meeting was a followon to last Thursday's luncheon meeting between Mr. Krogh and Mr. Minnick, of the White House staff, and Dr. John Brady and Mr. Boyer, of the Committee staff, where Mr. Krogh apparently briefed Brady and Boyer in part on current information from Burma. [] covered the current routes being utilized, prices over the last year, tonnage shipped this year and last and complaints of traffickers in Burma concerning price levels and stocks. Mention was made of the probable effect of interdiction of routes in Thailand and other enforcement measures on the current prices and stocks. Mr. Boyer raised many questions on the details covered by [] and at the end asked if any information is available that can be given to the Committee concerning the source of weapons that come into Burma in return for the opium and opiates shipped out: "Opiates out, guns in." It was stated that in general after more than 20 years of war in Indochina, supplies of guns would probably be readily available in the quantities indicated. I told Mr. Boyer I would relay the question and be back in touch with him.

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